

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden via Zoom teleconference for the County of Bristol on the sixteenth day of March A.D., 2023 by successive adjournments from the September term of the previous year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.

Roll Call

Mr. Mitchell	present
Mr. Saunders	present
Mr. Kitchen	present

County Administrator Gomes was also present remotely.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The first matter on the agenda was to discuss the final candidates for the position of facilities superintendent.

Commissioner Mitchell said that he was impressed by Tammy Moutinho. He thought she was a well-qualified candidate and was right on point with her answers. She has the required certifications. Of the two candidates, she was the most direct.

Commissioner Saunders felt that her experience is well rounded and would have a handle on bringing the maintenance department into the 21st century. Although the second candidate was well qualified, I wasn't as comfortable with the second candidate.

Commissioner Kitchen thought that both candidates are really qualified. He stated, Ms. Moutinho has the purchasing but we have that covered with Maria. She made some good points about the historical buildings and trying to mainstream the personnel.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to appoint Tammy A. Moutinho as the Facilities Superintendent.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize Chairman Kitchen to begin negotiations on a contract with Ms. Moutinho.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	abstain

County Administrator Gomes discussed the upcoming Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association ('MIIA') health insurance rate increase. Originally proposed was an increase of 3.5%. With a change in the emergency room co-pay, the County could reduce that increase. The County could save approximately \$41,000, otherwise with no change, the increase will be approximately \$72,000.

Commissioner Kitchen mentioned that Diman Vocational has an emergency room copay of \$300.00.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders it was voted to authorize a change in the emergency room co-pays of each of the health care programs to \$150.00.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Kitchen yes

Commissioner Saunders asked that the letter for Michael Cioper be on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, second by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:09 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell yes
Mr. Saunders yes
Mr. Kitchen yes

APPROVED *3/28/23*
DATE _____

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